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Title	: ADHESION-ENHANCED	
	: POLYIMIDE FILM, PROCESS	
	: FOR ITS PRODUCTION, AND	
	: LAMINATED BODY	

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**PRELIMINARY COMMENTS**

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Sir:

The Applicants submit these preliminary comments together with a Request for Continued Examination inasmuch as the Applicants became aware of JP 2000-043211. The Applicants thus enclose a copy of JP '211 and an English translation thereof in the form of an Information Disclosure Statement along with the standard Form PTO-1449. Entry of the Request for Continued Examination and the Information Disclosure Statement into the official file is respectfully requested.

The Applicants also enclose a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of Mr. Takeshi Uekido, a co-inventor herein. Mr. Uekido conducted a pair of experiments as outlined in his Declaration to assist in demonstrating unexpected results of the claimed subject matter over the aforementioned JP '211. In that regard, one of the experiments contained a heat-resistant surface treatment agent in

accordance with the Applicants' claims and another experiment omitted the heat-resistant surface treatment agent. That agent was  $\gamma$ -phenylaminopropyltrimethoxysilane.

The results show that the peel strength obtained from the example including the heat-resistant surface treatment agent was 1,100 N/m, while the peel strength of the comparative example omitting the heat-resistant surface treatment agent was 280 N/m. This is an unexpected result.

The Applicants thus respectfully submit that the solicited claims are patentable over JP '211. Confirmation of allowance of the solicited claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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